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SUBJECT: KOREAN STEEL EXPORTS TO US

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1. SHORTLY AFTER ROKG TOOK ACTION IN EARLY MARCH TO EASE DOMESTIC SHORTAGE OF STEEL REBARS BY PROHIBITING EXPORTS (REF A) ONE GERMAN FIRM INVOLVED WITH SEPARATE REBAR ORDER BY CITY OF SAN JUAN, COUTINHO CARO OF HAMBURG, APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY AND WEST GERMAN EMBASSY HERE FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXCEPTION TO EXPORT BAN. US AND GERMAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHES THEREFORE MADE SEPARATE BUT COORDINATED APPROACHES TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON THIS MATTER, AND EXCEPTION WAS GRANTED.

2. THYSSEN, GERMAN FIRM INVOLVED WITH SECOND SAN JUAN ORDER (THAT DESCRIBED REF B), DID NOT SEEK ASSISTANCE OF EITHER EMBASSY UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT REF B. GEJAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MADE APPROACH TO MCI ON BEHALF OF THYSSEN AND SENT FORMAL NOTE FOR RECORD. HE COORDINATED MOVE WITH US AND WE EXPLAINED THAT UNLIKE CASE IN MARCH WE BELIEVE US EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FERROUS SCRAP ON WHICH KOREAN STEEL INDUSTRY IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT, HAVE RENDERED FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS BY USG BOTH AWKWARD AND INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. GERMAN UNDERSTOOD THIS POSITION.

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3. DEPARTMENT MAY INFORM SAN JUAN THAT US AND GERMAN EMBASSIES
HAVE COORDINATED APPROACHES TO ROKG AND THAT SINCE SUPPLIER
INVOLVED IS GERMAN FIRM, GERMAN EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE
LEAD IN PURSUING THIS PROBLEM. FRANKLY, HOWEVER, EMBASSY
BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF SERIOUS DOMESTIC SHORTAGE OF REBARS
IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THIS SHIPMENT WILL BE APPROVED FOR
EXPORT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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